

# Medieval Japan

## Area of Interaction – Environments

Chapter 4, Section 2 of your text book “Medieval Times…”(pages 100–107)

Questions to consider as you study the chapter:

Q. What are some of the advantages and disadvantages a nation might have if it is completely surrounded by water?

Q. How might living on an island influence the way of life for people there?

Use the heading “Medieval Japan” and write it into your notebook, then underline it.

### ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS IN COMPLETE SENTENCES

- 1) Describe the location of Japan in relation to mainland Asia (give compass directions and names of oceans, landmasses etc. in your description).
- 2) How do the mountains of Japan influence the lives of the people who live there?
- 3) When was the Heian period of Japanese history?
- 4) How did the majority of the population, aside from the nobles, live during the Heian period?
- 5) What kind of attitude do you think they had toward the nobles?
- 6) Describe the system of feudalism in Japan during the 1000s.
- 7) Who were the Samurai and what did they do and how did they become powerful?
- 8) What led to the establishment of Shoguns?
- 9) When did Europeans arrive and how did they influence life in Japan?
- 10) What was life like in Japan under the Tokugawa shogunate?  
How long  
did this rule last (give dates)?
- 11) How and why did the Tokugawas isolate Japan?

12) Read the section on pages 106 & 107. Describe the rules of the Tokugawa

government's decree. Do you think these rules were fair? Why or why not?

13) Describe the features of a Japanese farmhouse during the Tokugawa

shogunate.